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Application No.: 10/831,131

Group Art Unit: 3652

Filed: November 26, 2002

Examiner: Steven A. Bratlie

FOR: CONFINED SPACE ENTRY DEVICE AND RELATED METHOD OF
ASSEMBLY

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Margaret R. Lawrence
Date: May 18, 2004RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION
WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the first Office Action mailed on February 18, 2004. This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response. It is respectfully submitted that no other fees are believed due or payable. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 23-2820.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the Amendment and Remarks below.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: